Disaster management

60. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in India disaster Management is activated only after something happened;

(b) if so, why should it not be working all the time;

(c) whether Government are planning to form such Disaster Management permanently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) The Government has adopted a holistic approach to disaster management encompassing prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, relief and rehabilitation. Appropriate institutional mechanisms have been established and are being further strengthened to facilitate planning, policy formulation, capacity building and preparedness and to ensure effective coordination in response on a sustained basis. The measusres taken by the Government include training and equipping of specialist teams for rapid intervention in case of disasters and constitution of National Disaster Management Authority headed by the Prime Minsiter to lay down plans and policies for disaster management and coordinate the enforcement and implementation of the same.

Restarting of dialogue with ULFA

61. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) have shown keen-interest to restart dialogue with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of times ULFA and other insurgent groups have gone back on their promise to start peaceful negotiations with the government; and

(d) the reasons for breaking the negotiations by these insurgent groups?